

Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—177)

Pages S7444, S7447, S7477

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:21 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Wednesday, July 16, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S7508–09.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—COMMERCE/JUSTICE/ STATE/JUDICIARY/TREASURY/POSTAL SERVICE/LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998;

An original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Treasury, United States Postal Service, Executive Office of the President, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998; and

An original bill (S. 1019) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture, rural development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

APPROPRIATIONS—VA/HUD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

COMPREHENSIVE MORTGAGE REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief and the Subcommittee on Housing Opportunity and Community Development concluded

joint hearings to examine problems surrounding the mortgage origination process, the goals and objectives of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and the Truth in Lending Act, and the need for comprehensive mortgage reform legislation, after receiving testimony from Laurence H. Meyer, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Nicholas P. Retsinas, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Housing/Federal Housing Administration Commissioner.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of A. Peter Burleigh, of California, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, David J. Scheffer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues, Richard Sklar, of California, to be Representative of the United States to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, Linda Jane Zack Tarr-Whelan, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Representative to the Commission on the Status of Women of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, James Franklin Collins, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Marc Grossman, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian Affairs, John Christian Kornblum, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, Stephen R. Sestanovich, of the District of Columbia, as Ambassador at Large and Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for the New Independent States, and Gordon D. Giffin, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Canada, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Grossman was introduced by Senator Robb, Mr. Sestanovich was introduced by Senator Moynihan, and Mr. Giffin was introduced by Senators Cleland and Robb, and former Senator Nunn.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, receiving testimony from Harold Arthur, Lippo Bank, San Francisco, California; Juliana Utomo, Rosemead, California, formerly associated with Hip Hing Holdings (a Lippo Group Entity); and Thomas Hampson, Chicago, Illinois.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee resumed mark up of S. 10, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by juvenile criminals, and punish and deter violent gang crime, but did not complete action thereon, and will continue on Thursday, July 17.

JUDICIAL ACTIVISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights resumed hearings to examine issues with regard to the constitutional role of federal judges to decide cases and controversies, focusing on the problem and impact of judicial activism, whereby federal judges' decisions are based on policy preferences, receiving testimony from Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor, Montgomery; Marc L. Fleischaker, Arent Fox Kitner Plot-

kin and Kahn, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; Terry L. Stewart, Arizona Department of Corrections, Phoenix; Gail Heriot, University of San Diego Law School, San Diego, California; Barry Friedman, Vanderbilt University School of Law, Nashville, Tennessee; and Rob Tier, Center for the Community Interest, Dallas, Texas.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 2161–2168; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 115–116 and H. Res. 186, were introduced. Pages H5296–97

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 629, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact (H. Rept. 105–181);

Report on the Revised Subdivision of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 1998 (H. Rept. 105–182);

H.R. 699, to guarantee the right of all active duty military personnel, merchant mariners, and their dependents to vote in Federal, State, and local elections (H. Rept. 105–183 Part I); and

H. Res 185, providing for consideration of H.R. 2159 making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–184). Page H5296

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Stearns to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H5185

Journal: By a recorded vote of 373 ayes to 50 noes, Roll No. 269, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Monday, July 14. Pages H5191–92, H5247

Recess: The House recessed at 11:11 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 noon. Page H5191

Private Calendar: On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed the following bills:

Cleared for the President: S. 768, for the relief of Michel Christopher Meilli, Giuseppina Meilli, Mirjam Naomi Meilli, and Davide Meilli. Pages H5192–93

Sent to the Senate Without Amendment: H.R. 378, for the relief of Heraclio Tolley. Page H5192

Sent to the Senate, Amended: H.R. 584, for the relief of John Wesley Davis. Page H5192

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: H.R. 1818, as amended, to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001 (passed by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 267); and Pages H5195–H5213, H5245–46

Transfer of Naval Vessels: H.R. 2035, amended, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries (passed by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 426 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 268). Pages H5213–14, H5246–47

Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: By a ye-a-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 275, the House passed H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. The House completed debate and considered amendments on July 10 and July 11. Pages H5214–45, H5266–72

Agreed To:

The Gibbons amendment that clarifies that the identified water rights are surface water rights; Pages H5215–17

The Crapo amendment that establishes the Deficit Reduction Lock-box Act of 1997 that requires an appropriations conference committee to allocate spending reductions to deficit reduction when both the House and Senate reduce the funding for a specific program, rather than reallocating the funding reduction to other programs (agreed to by a recorded vote of 314 yeas to 109 noes, Roll No. 271); Pages H5217–19, H5267–68

The Hill amendment that prohibits any funding that is made available to the Indian Health Service to be used to restructure Indian health care delivery systems to Alaskan Natives; Pages H5233–34

The Stupak amendment that prohibits any funding to be used for the eviction of any person from